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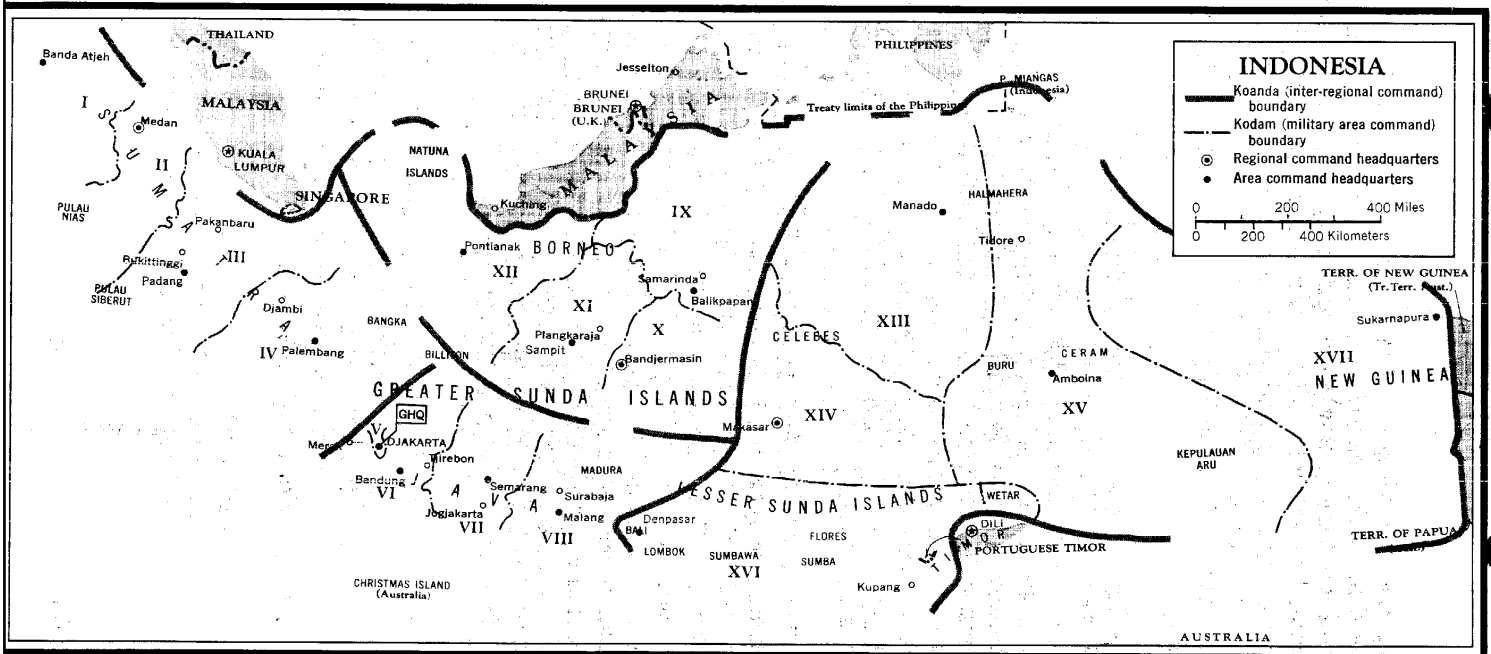
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*Indonesia: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT)

President Sukarno is trying hard to rehabilitate the PKI and the air force, and to return to the status quo ante; whether the army will act decisively to block his efforts remains uncertain.

Sukarno and First Deputy Prime Minister Subandrio are stressing the necessity of a political solution to the problems created by the abortive coup of 30 September. If permitted, such a solution will be a long step toward the restoration of Sukarno to his earlier position of preeminence, and a number of prominent leaders suspected of complicity in the coup will have attained immunity.

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Several Moslem and Christian associations and groups have engaged in spirited anti-PKI demonstrations. An angry crowd set fire to and destroyed the PKI headquarters in Djakarta on the morning of 8 October. The US Ambassador reports crowds passing by the Embassy are shouting "hail America" and "hang Aidit."

[The Soviet Embassy in Djakarta apparently was not involved in the 30 September Movement. The Soviet ambassador told a western diplomat that he believes the Indonesian Communist Party became involved in the coup at an early stage and he criticized its action as contrary to Marxist doctrine. Soviet trade and aid activities have continued at a normal pace throughout most of the emergency.]

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Panama: [Former president Arnulfo Arias reportedly is planning to call for a general strike on 11 October to protest the government's conduct of the canal negotiations.]

[Although Panamanians generally reacted with guarded optimism to the joint canal statement of 24 September, Arias believes the canal issue is still the Robles government's most vulnerable spot. He hopes to use strikes, student demonstrations and inflammatory debate in the National Assembly to convince the masses that the government is betraying the country in the negotiations.]

[Arias has enlisted support from opposition political leaders and pro-Communist elements for a "united front" to wage a radio and press campaign against the government. His radio station recently broadcast a denunciation of the canal talks issued by the United Reform Movement, a "hard-line" Communist student group.]

[Arias has alerted his mass-based Panamenista Party to be ready to exploit an outbreak of disturbances over the canal issue. The US Embassy in Panama believes that though labor in general does not appear to be in a demonstrating mood, Arias has a fair chance of pulling off a successful general strike.]

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Brazil: President Castello Branco has come under heavy criticism from many military officers who are concerned over the gains made by opposition forces in the 3 October gubernatorial elections.

Shortly after the voting strength of several candidates linked with former President Kubitschek became apparent, many senior army officers delivered protests to Castello Branco, some demanding that the elections be annulled.

The President, with the cooperation of Minister of War Costa e Silva, apparently has been able to reassure his critics, at least temporarily. Castello Branco remains under heavy pressure, however, to take some action that will "reinforce the authority" of the government.

Castello Branco has reaffirmed his earlier pledge to uphold the election results, but he may feel it necessary to give some demonstration of his firmness against corruption and Communism. He may, for example, place restrictions on Kubitschek, who returned to Brazil this week after more than a year in exile.

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Turkey: The campaign for the 10 October elections has revealed a surprising growth in support for the small but increasingly important Turkish Labor Party (TLP).

It now appears that the leftist TLP may win as many as 25 of the 450 seats in the assembly instead of the 10-15 indicated earlier. No one views the TLP as a major contender in the upcoming election, but it could become the third or fourth ranking party of the six represented in the National Assembly.

The TLP has campaigned hard, especially in the urban areas, and has been intent on spreading anti-Americanism. The party is attracting growing numbers of laborers, professionals, retired officers and civil servants, and students. The size of some of the TLP rallies has created something of a sensation, increased the confidence of party leaders, and thrown a scare into the major parties.

There are also indications of growing support for the TLP among some members of the Republican Peoples' Party (RPP), which has largely controlled the government for the past four years. Some RPP supporters are said to be disillusioned with the RPP old-guard leadership and are reported switching their support to the TLP.

The conservative Justice Party (JP), headed by Suleyman Demirel, is still expected to win about 50 percent of the popular vote and possibly a majority of the seats in the assembly. Unless the JP wins this majority a new coalition government will be necessary, probably with one or more of the minor parties.

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